

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, February 27, 1909, with transcript

Beinn Bhreagh, near Baddeck, Nova Scotia. February 27, 1909 Dear Mabel:

Just beginning my work with Mabel McCurdy and she refuses to proceed! until I have written something to you. We have made the arrangement to write to you B e E FORE doing anything else even if we have nothing to say and only say a few words. There will be lots of room after the dictated note for me to put in anything I want in my own hand writing. There is nothing special to say excepting that the house looks very large and VERY EMPTY since you all have gone away.

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Remarks :— Don't try it again although bright as a button after this experiment.

Exp. 2 :— Douglas has just gone off to test the new engine on the ice boat. I don't quite like it and so have sent John McDermid to town to get Dr. McDonald or Dr. McIver to be on the ice and keep an d eye on the ice boat. Have also telephone d Lab. to see that men are on the outlook there to render assistance if needed.

Object of Experiment :— To ascertain whether the engine can be relied upon to continue in operation for about half an hour, and whether the motion of the iceboat will be sufficient to cause wind enough on the radiator to keep the engine cool. 2 If these results are obtained we will have more confidence that the Silver Dart will be able to make a flight of

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Result :—

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